

REMARKS

This application has been reconsidered in light of the Office Action dated November 17, 2004. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application.

For convenience in review the following corresponds to the claim rejections in the Office Action dated November 17, 2004.

Double Patenting

Claims 13-24 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over either claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,653,602. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they either repeat subject matter or merely broaden the scope of the US '602 claims or add conventional features.

Accordingly, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) is being submitted herewith to overcome the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 13-24 in view of the fact that U.S. Patent No. 6,653,602 is commonly owned with the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that Claims 1-12 in the application are allowed.

Thus, applicant submits that the application is now in full condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested. If any outstanding questions remain, a telephone call from the Examiner would be welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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